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THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

WASHINGTON

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Dear General Smith:

Reference is made to a letter to the Secretary of Defense from Admiral Hillenkoetter, dated 23 August 1950, relating to the benefits to be achieved by initiating a strong peripheral reporting system and to the copy of the letter to the State Department, same subject, attached as an inclosure.

The Department of Defense concurs in State Department's observation concerning the importance of intelligence reporting in the areas peripheral to the Soviet Union as mentioned in State's reply to you on this subject, dated 19 September 1950. As you know, the Department of Defense has not permitted its attache consolidation and reduction program to interfere with the Soviet periphery. The attache personnel who were forced from Soviet satellites in Eastern Europe have largely been reassigned to such "fringe" countries as Turkey, Greece, Austria, and Sweden, in order to make use of their talents for continued intelligence activities in those areas.

In addition, certain sizable increases in Service attache personnel ceilings as recommended by the Joint Chiefs of Staff have recently been approved. A copy of the Joint Chiefs of Staff recommendations on this subject, dated 26 September 1950, is inclosed for your information. You will observe that a number of these increases concern countries peripheral to the Soviet-dominated world.

I would appreciate hearing from you at any time if there are additional steps which can be taken by the Department of Defense, to assist you in this particular question.

Faithfully yours,



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Lt. Gen W. Bedell Smith  
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**MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE:**

**Subject: Increase in Service Attache  
Personnel Ceilings.**

In view of the current international situation it is considered in the interest of national security that action be taken to expand and increase the flexibility of operation of the attache system of the Services. It is recommended that an increase in Service attache personnel ceilings as indicated in the enclosure hereto be authorized. It is further recommended that implementation and assignments to individual posts within the increased ceilings be made the responsibility of the Services.

For the Joint Chiefs of Staff:

Sgn. General Omar N. Bradley

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Chairman,  
Joint Chiefs of Staff.

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ENCLOSURERECOMMENDED INCREASE IN SERVICE ATTACHE PERSONNEL CEILINGS

1. The present status of Attache posts and personnel of the three Services is as follows:

	<u>Army</u>	<u>Navy</u>	<u>Air Force</u>
Attache Posts	55	37	43
Attaches	115	99	123
<u>Administrative</u> <u>Communication and</u> <u>Custodial Personnel</u>			
Warrant Officers	36	--	20
Enlisted Men	107	116*	132*
U. S. Civilians	72	77	69
Aliens	194	134	139

2. Since the reductions in Attache posts and personnel in December 1949, the following areas have been found to have inadequate intelligence coverage:

a. Countries with an Attache from only one of the Services:

Belgium (Army)	El Salvador (Army)
Bolivia (Air Force)	Ethiopia (Army)
Burma (Army)	Guatemala (Air Force)
Ceylon (Navy)	Haiti (Army)
Colombia (Army)	Lebanon (Army)
Denmark (Navy)	New Zealand (Army)
Dominican Republic (Navy)	Philippine Republic (Navy)
Ecuador (Army)	Syria (Army)

Intelligence collection for all Services has been provided by the Service Attache present in each of the above countries. Requirements have expanded, timeliness and accuracy of reporting have increased in importance to such an extent that the intelligence collection now necessary cannot be accomplished in all the above cases by one Service acting in the interest of all.

\* These figures include crew members for Air and Naval Attache aircraft.

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Belgian Congo	Paraguay
Costa Rica	Saudi Arabia
Honduras	Trans Jordan
Nicaragua	

Wherever there is no military representative, military intelligence coverage in these countries devolves upon the Department of State under provisions of NSCID No. 2. This procedure has, due to the lack of military and technical knowledge of Embassy, Legation and Consular personnel, produced a negligible amount of military information.

c. In addition, experience obtained during the period of reduced Attache staffs has determined that an increase in personnel in Europe, in the periphery of Eastern Europe, in the Middle East and South East Asia Areas, is now required. Certain Attache posts have an additional responsibility in providing administrative and communications support to various non-intelligence agencies such as Military Assistance Aid Groups. Such support places a limit on the collection of military information and has been considered in the over-all increase now desired.

3. Proposed personnel increases:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Warrant Officers</u>	<u>Enlisted Men</u>	<u>U.S. Civil- lians</u>	<u>Alien</u>
Afghanistan			1		
Argentina	1		1	1	1
Belgium	1			1	
Bolivia (re-activated)	1		1	1	1
Brazil	1		1	1	1
Burma	1		1		
Canada	1			1	1

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<u>Country</u>	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Warrant Officers</u>	<u>Enlisted Men</u>	<u>U.S. Civi- lians</u>	<u>Aliens</u>
Denmark (re-activated)	2			2	
Egypt	2			1	
Ethiopia			1		
France	2			2	
Honduras (re-activated)	1	1	1	1	
India	1			1	
Indo China	1		2		
Italy	2			1	
Morocco	1		2		
Netherlands	1			1	
Nicaragua (re-activated)	1	1	1	1	
Paraguay (re-activated)	1	1	1	1	
Philippines (re-activated)	2	1	3		
Singapore	1		1		
Spain	2		1	1	
Syria	1		1	1	
Thailand	<u>1</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>1</u>
Total Army Increases	28	4	20	13	1
Recapitulation of Total Army Attache Ceiling	143	40	127	90	25

NAVY:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Warrant Officers</u>	<u>Enlisted Men</u>	<u>U.S. Civi- lians</u>	<u>Aliens</u>
Australia	1		2		
Burma (activated)	1		2		
Ceylon	1		1		
China	1				
Denmark	1		2		
Egypt	1		2		
Greece (Salonika)	1		2		
Hongkong	1		2		

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<u>Country</u>	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Warrant Officers</u>	<u>Enlisted Men</u>	<u>U.S. Civi- lians</u>	<u>Aliens</u>
India	1		2		
Indonesia	1		2		
Iran (re-activated)	2		3		
Israel (re-activated)	1		2		
Italy	1		2		
Lebanon (re-activated)	1		2		
Morocco	1		2		
Netherlands	1		1		
New Zealand (activated)	1		2		
Norway	1		2		
Philippines	2		3		
Portugal	1		1		
Singapore	1		2		
Sweden	1		2		
Thailand	1		2		
Turkey (Istanbul)	1		1		
Union of South Africa (Capetown) (re-activated)	2		3		
Venezuela (re-activated)	<u>1</u>		<u>2</u>		
Total Navy					
Increases	29		49		
Recapitulation of Total Navy Attache Ceiling	128		165		

AIR FORCE:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Warrant Officers</u>	<u>Air Men</u>	<u>U.S. Civi- lians</u>	<u>Aliens</u>
Afghanistan	1		1		
Australia	1				
Burma (activated)	3		5*		
China					
Chile	1				
France	1				

\*Includes crews for Air Attache planes.

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<u>Country</u>	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Warrant Officers</u>	<u>Air Men</u>	<u>U.S. Civi- lians</u>	<u>Aliens</u>
Greece	1		1		
Hongkong	1		3*		
Indonesia (activated)	3		5*		5
Ireland	2		2*		
Norway	2		2		
Peru	1				
Portugal	1		2		
Syria (re-activated)	3		4*	1	4
Union of South Africa	1				
Uruguay					1
Venezuela	<u>1</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>
Total Air Force Increases	23		25	1	19
Recapitulation of Total Air Force Attache Ceiling	145	20	207	70	157

\*Includes crews for Air Attache planes.

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